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FOLLOWING REPEAT VALLETTA 790 SENT ACTION DEA HQS WASHDC INFO
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SUBJ: DEA TRAINING PROGRAM MALTA

ATTN: RD PAUL KNIGHT, PARIS RO; SAIC, ROME DO

1. THE DEA TRAINING PROGRAM HELD IN MALTA BY MESSRS.
MEDWID, ALDRIDGE, KOVENS AND DR. LANGER APRIL 15-19 WAS
EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL IN EVERY RESPECT. THE TEAM GAVE
AN OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AND THE CONTENT OF THE COURSE,
WHICH WAS TAILORED TO THE NEEDS OF THE GOM, WAS MOST
APPROPRIATE AND WELL PRESENTED. PARTICIPANTS AND RESPONSIBLE
GOM OFFICIALS ALIKE WERE IMPRESSED WITH THE RANGE AND
DETAIL OF INFORMATION COVERED, AS WELL AS THE PRACTICAL
APPLICATIONS INVOLVED. GOM AUTHORITIES ALSO APPRECIATED
THE LITERATURE AND TEST KITS WHICH WERE PROVIDED FOR
USE AFTER THE COURSE HAD ENDED.

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2. THE IMPORTANCE WHICH BOTH GOVERNMENTS ATTACHED TO THIS

TYPE EFFORT WAS REFLECTED IN THE PRESENCE AT THE OPENING CEREMONIES OF BOTH THE AMBASSADOR AND COMMISSIONER OF POLICE TONNA, AND THE PARTICIPATION OF THE AMBASSADOR, COMMISSIONER AND COMPTROLLER OF CUSTOMS AT THE LUNCHEON CEREMONIES FOR PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES TO THE STUDENTS. THE OFFICIAL REACTION AS WELL AS THE PERSONAL RESPONSE OF THE STUDENTS COULD NOT HAVE BEEN MORE SINCERE IN THEIR APPRECIATION, PARTICULARLY FOR THE PROFESSIONAL QUALITY AND EFFORTS OF ALL THE INSTRUCTORS INVOLVED.

3. IN SUM, BOTH THE PLANNING AND PREPARATION FOR THE COURSE AS WELL AS THE PROFESSIONAL MANNER IN WHICH IT WAS CONDUCTED BY THE INSTRUCTORS MERITS SPECIAL RECOGNITION. THE INTEREST SERVED BY THE PROGRAM WILL UNDOUBTEDLY EXTEND BEYOND THE IMMEDIATE GOALS OF NARCOTICS CONTROL EFFORT, AND THE COOPERATION OF DEA AND ITS PERSONNEL WAS MUCH APPRECIATED. GETZ UNQTE RUSH

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